

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 4-23 with the following:

In the case in which these pieces 10 are made of N42 iron/nickel alloy having a thermal expansion coefficient three times higher than that of Invar, the frame itself being made of Invar, the portions 14 of the reinforcing pieces 10 are welded to the short sides of the frame, on the surface of the flat part 37 opposite of the surface of the mask. In this way during a substantial rise in temperature of the frame/mask assembly, the pieces 10 will expand more than the sides of the frame onto which they are welded. This results in a curved deformation of these sides, tending to cause the ends 20 of the long sides, onto which the mask is welded, to approach closer to each other, as shown in phantom in Figure 3. This approaching movement will cause a weakening of the tension in the mask by comparison to that defined in the steady-state regime and to that during the stages of the manufacturing process taking place at high temperature. Consequently, during the transient cooling phases, the mask will no longer be subjected to high tensile forces, possibly causing permanent deformation.